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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration in the above-identified application. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

- [X] A copy of a Japanese Office Action from a corresponding foreign patent application (2004-291756) is enclosed.
- [] A check in the amount of \$180 to cover the required fee is enclosed.
- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$180 to cover the required fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.
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All of the cited references in the above-referenced Japanese Office Action were previously filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 2006. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed.

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